

**Proposed Substitute
Bill No. 795**

LCO No. 6551

**AN ACT CONCERNING A TWO-GENERATIONAL SCHOOL
READINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Labor Commissioner
2 shall establish a two-generational school readiness and workforce
3 development pilot program. The pilot program shall operate for two
4 years and shall foster economic self-sufficiency in low-income
5 households by delivering academic and job readiness support services
6 across two generations in the same household. The pilot program shall
7 be located in five communities and include not less than one
8 community with fewer than fifty thousand persons that is served by a
9 regional social services provider. The pilot program shall serve as a
10 blueprint for a state-wide, two-generational school readiness and
11 workforce development model.

12 (b) The pilot program shall be funded by state and private moneys
13 and shall include:

14 (1) Early learning programs, adult education, child care, housing,
15 job training and other related support services offered at one location
16 wherever possible;

17 (2) Development of a long-term plan to adopt a two-generational

18 model for the delivery of the services described in subdivision (1) of
19 this subsection on a state-wide basis. Such plan shall include, but not
20 be limited to, (A) the targeted use of temporary family assistance
21 program funds, to the extent permissible under federal law, to support
22 two-generational programming, and (B) state grant incentives for
23 private entities that develop such two-generational programming;

24 (3) Partnerships between state and national philanthropic
25 organizations to enable state-wide replication and implementation of
26 the program;

27 (4) A workforce liaison to gauge the needs of employers and
28 households in each community and help coordinate the two-
29 generational program to meet the needs of such employers and
30 households; and

31 (5) The creation of an interagency work group to oversee the
32 implementation of the program and the provision of services within
33 the selected communities.

34 (c) The program shall be overseen by an interagency work group
35 that includes the Commissioners of Social Services, Early Childhood,
36 Education, Housing, Labor, Public Health and Corrections.
37 Coordinators of two-generational programs in each community in the
38 pilot program shall report on a quarterly basis to the interagency work
39 group. Not later than January 1, 2016, the interagency work group
40 shall submit a report in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
41 of the general statutes to the joint standing committees of the General
42 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
43 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies that details: (1) The
44 number of persons served in the program; (2) the number of adults
45 who have obtained jobs since receiving services from the program; (3)
46 the number of children who have improved academically, including,
47 but not limited to, (A) grade level increases, and (B) improvements in
48 reading comprehension; (4) the number of adults who have received
49 training or educational certificates or degrees since enrolling in the
50 program; (5) the cost of the program in both state and private dollars;

51 and (6) recommendations to expand the program to additional
52 communities state-wide.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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